

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 - 8.

Rewrite claims 9 and 14 as follows:

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9. An outside-in hollow fiber asymmetric membrane comprising a flexible macroporous tubular braid support having a tubular film of synthetic resinous material supported on the outer circumferential surface of the braid without the support being embedded in the film which has a wall thickness of less than 0.2 mm, the braid comprising, from about 16 to 60 separate yarns, each on its own carrier, each yarn using multifilament 150 to 500 denier (gm/9000 meters) yarn, each multifilament being made with from 25 to 750 filaments, each filament being from 0.5 to 7 denier, the braid being woven with from 1 to 3 multifilament ends at from 30 to 45 picks (crosses/inch), the braid having a stable heat-pre-shrunk length which is in the range from about 1% to 20% less than its unshrunk length, an air permeability in the range from about 1 to about 10 cc/sec/cm² at 1.378 kPa, and extension at break of the pre-shrunk braid is at least 10%, such that the membrane is adapted for use as a microfiltration or ultrafiltration liquid separation membrane.

14. In an outside-in hollow fiber asymmetric semipermeable membrane comprising,

- (i) a macroporous foraminous tubular support means having an outer surface; and,
(ii) a polymeric film of asymmetric semipermeable membrane;

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said film being supported by said outer surface, and said film having a peripheral barrier layer or "skin" integral with successive microporous layers in open communication with each other,
the improvement comprising,

a flexible macroporous tubular braid support comprising from about 16 to 60 separate yarns, each on its own carrier, each yarn using multifilament 150 to 500 denier (gm/9000 meters) yarn, each multifilament being made with from 25 to 750 filaments,